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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AS INDICATED IN REFTELS, MAJOR PURPOSE OF POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER VISIT TO ROME APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TALKS AT VATICAN. HOWEVER, NOVEMBER 8 AND 9 TALKS BETWEEN OLSZOWSKI AND FOREIGN MINISTER MORO WERE CONSIDERED USEFUL BY ITALIANS IN SENSE THAT THERE WAS UPGRADING OF BILATERAL TIES CONSISTENT WITH ITALIAN DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. ESSSENTIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OLSZOWSKI VISIT ARE LISTED IN LENGTHY COMMUNIQUE WHICH WE ASSUME AVAILABLE TO BOTH DEPARTMENT AND WARSAW. END SUMMARY.

2. FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR EAST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (VECCHI) WHO DEPARTED ROME IMMEDIATELY AFTER VISIT HAS NOW GIVEN US RUNDOWN ON VISIT HIGHLIGHTS. PRINCIPAL RESULTS OF VISIT ARE SUMMARIZED IN STEREOTYPE COMMUNIQUE WHICH COVERS BOTH INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. VECCHI NOTED THAT POLES HAD PUSHED FOR SOLEMN DECLARATION SUCH AS ITALIANS AGREED TO WITH SOVIETS AND ROMANIANS BUT MORO INSISTED THAT CURRENT STATE OF ITALO-POLISH RELATIONS MERITED CONFIDENTIAL

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ONLY COMMUNIQUE. OTHER INTERESTING TECHNICAL POINT CONCERNING

COMMUNIQUE IS THAT, BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, IN SECTION CALLING FOR ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN FOREIGN OFFICES, ITALIAN TEXT SPECIFIES AT LEVEL OF HIGH OFFICIALS WHILE POLISH VERSION MENTIONS VICE MINISTER LEVEL.

3. RE INTERNATIONAL SECTION OF COMMUNIQUE, EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT PHRASE CITING CSCE PREPARATORY RECOMMENDATIONS AS BASIS FOR PRINCIPLES GOVERNING RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES. VECCHI SAID THAT POLES HAD WANTED TO INCLUDE LIST OF SELECTED PRINCIPLES HEADED BY INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS BUT WERE FINALLY PERSUADED TO AGREE TO ANODYNE FORMULATION LISTED IN TEXT. ON OTHER HAND, POLES STRONGLY RESISTED INCLUSION OF REFERENCE TO PEACEFUL CHANGE OF BORDERS, CITING THEIR ADAMANT OPPOSITION TO REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY.

4. ON BILATERAL SIDE, COMMUNIQUE CALLS FOR INTENSIFICATION AND ELEVATION OF RELATIONS IN ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AREAS AND NOTES CONCLUSION OF CONSULAR CONVENTION AND ACCORD TO AVOID DOUBLE TAXATION IN AIR AND SEA TRANSPORT. DOCUMENT ALSO NOTES AGREEMENT TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL PROBLEMS HANGING OVER FROM WORLD WAR II. POLAND IS ONLY EE COUNTRY WITH WHICH ITALY HAS NOT ACHIEVED SETTLEMENT IN THIS AREA. ACCORDING VECCHI, POLES IN ADDITION PUSHED HARD FOR LONG TERM ECONOMIC AGREEMENT WHICH ITALIANS AGREED TO DISCUSS.

5. VECCHI SAID THAT ONLY SLIGHTLY JARRING ASPECT OF VISIT WAS POLISH INSISTENCE ON MORE VISAS FOR THEIR EMBASSY AND COMMERCIAL OFFICE STAFFS. OLSZOWSKI ARGUED THAT IT SHOULD BE UP TO THE SENDING SIDE TO DETERMINE PROPER SIZE OF STAFFS FOR EFFICIENT FUNCTIONING OF THESE OFFICES. ACCORDING VECCHI, MORO STOUTLY RESISTED THIS ARGUMENT BUT DID ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS OUTSIDE MEETING THAT SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO INDIVIDUAL VISA REQUESTS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. THIS SEEMED TO SMOOTH OVER THE SITUATION.

6. FINAL INTERESTING POINT ABOUT COMMUNIQUE (WHICH ENDED WITH THE USUAL INVITATION FOR RETURN VISIT BY ITALIAN FONMIN) INVOLVES SECTION WHICH LISTS PREVIOUS VISITS OF ITALIANS AND POLISH LEADERS TO ROME AND WARSAW. ACCORDING VECCHI, ITALIAN DRAFT OF COMMUNIQUE HAD CARRIED LEADERS BY NAME AND TITLE BUT
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POLES INSISTED THAT THEY BE LISTED BY TITLE ONLY SINCE
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